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J. G. BENNETT ASSAULTED. A SCENE THAT STARTLED MEMBERS OF THE UNION CLUB.

Frederick May Lying in Walt in Front of the Club House-The Meeting and Attack-Mr. Bennett Struck with a Whip, Knocked Down and Thrown into the Street.

Shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the habitues of the Union Club were startled by the information, that sped like willline May, who has been affianced to Mr. Beneral friends passed, and noticed that he was much agitated, and that he kept sharp watch upon the entrance to the club house. Mr. Bennett was within, enjoying refreshments. He was uncommunicative, I his acquaintances noted that his jollity was prtificial. He sent a message for his sleigh, and when it arrived at the door he prepared himself for a ride in the Central Park. He wore a long kerchief was wound around his neck. He seemed much annoyed at the watchful glances of the club's people. He was to have sailed for England yesterday with his bride in the Russia,

When Mr. Bennett lighted a cigarette in the large ballway of the club house and started toward the street the door was opened wide for him by the attendant, who is employed to bow persons in and out. Mr. Bennett slowly scended the staircase, and just as he reached the sidewalk Mr. May confronted bim. Mr. Bennett stepped backward, and Mr. May drew a small whip from his great coat. With much force and rapidity he struck Mr. Bennett across the face three times. Blood streamed from gashes under his eyes and from a frightful cut on his nose. He staggered for a moment, and then threw himself upon Mr. May. They clinched, but Mr. May being the more powerful of the two, forced himself from Mr. Bennett's grasp. At this the latter made an-other lunge at Mr. May, who struck at him from the shoulder and Mr. Bennett fell at full length on the sidewalk. Blood stained the snow from the sidewalk to the gutter. Attachés of the club se and pedestrians ran to Mr. Bennett's assistance. No one attempted to stop Mr. May,

and the subject of the breaking off of the mar-riage had been discussed in all the clubs and principal botels by the friends and acquaint-

leisurely toward Fifth avenue.

It was said by some persons in the club rooms and hotels in the neighborhood that Mr. Bennett wrested the whip from Mr. May and threw m, but those who were nearest to the scene was carried into the house and his face was bathed. His sleigh was sent away and a cab was ordered. Then be was taken to his home in Fifth avenue, where he was attended by his

they knew nothing of the fight, although five minutes after it happened it was the chief topic brothers were on the lookout for Mr. Bennett as early as 6 o'clock yesterday morning. They went to the Russia, thinking that he might take club house last evening for a few moments. He said at first that he did not care to talk of the affair. Then he said to one of his friends: "We were looking for Mr. Bennett all day, but he was in blaing. He ought to have been cow-bided long ago."

Fr derick May, who made the assault, was at his home. He declined to speak of the assault, It is thought that Mr. Bennett will be unable to appear again for several days in public. in blumg. He ought to have been cow-

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Mr. May steeped up as soon as Mr. Bennett had left the stoop, and grasping him by the shirt front with one hand, drew a cowhide rapidly across his face with the other. The wind frew blood with every blow. Mr. Bennett alembied to put his scientific acquirem and into practice, but May warded off every thow with he ulmost ease, and dropping his whip, laught his opponent by the shoulders and threw him pon the sidew "k. Then May, as he thought, observed Mr. Bennett reaching for a derringer in the back pocket of his pantaloons. He there into grasped Bennett, and with a display of wonderful strength, threw him from the sidewalk nearly into the middle of the street. Following up this advantage, he dragged Mr. Bennett around in the snow. At this point John Heckshler interfered and separated the constants. ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

e avenue. s said that a challenge is likely to be sent it is said that a challenge is likely to be sent, it has not aiready been forwarded, from Mr. ennett, demanding satisfaction for the assault. There is the greatest diversity of opinion as to that Mr. Hennett will do in the premises, and evera; heavy bets have been made as to the said.

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"I was going out of the club just after eating my dinner, when I met Mr. May at the door. He asked me to wait a few moments, and I would see some four. He said he intended to horsewhip Bennett. He told me there was no use of remonstrating with him, for he was firmly resolved to do it. I went back in the club room, took off my overcost and went to the window. Mr. Bennett at the time was walking up and down the room in an excited manner. He was smoking a cigar. This was the first time I had ever seen him smoke in the daylime. Directly he put on his overcost and walked out the door. He stood on the steps for a few minutes, and then started down. Mr. May walted until he reached the sidewalk, and then going up to him, drew from his breast a cowinde and struck Bennett with it five or six times over the head and face. The first struke, I think, was directly across the face. Bennett inbuttoned his coat and made a motion as if to draw a weapon. May then clasped him ground the body and trew him out in the street, falling on him. No tolows were struck on either sire. In throwing Bennett toto the street May had lost his cowinde and reached around in the snow to get it. Members of the club then an out and interfered. May then picked Bennett up and threw him bodity half across the screet. Bennett got up and threw him bodity half across the screet. Bennett got up and threw him bodity half across the screet. Bennett got up and walked away. No blows with their fists were atrock by either party."

Thirty-two Young Men and Women to be Arrested in Huntington, L. I.

HUNTINGTON, L. I., Jan. 3 .- A watch ington I st Sunday night was disturbed by a party of forty or fifty young men and women, who acted in a disorderly, noisy and rude manner. They interrupted the speakers by laughing aloud at obscene jokes and pictures, stamped with their feet and canes, went out slamming the doors, returning in a noisy manner, and cutting up other similar devittries to the great annoyance and scaudal of the church. The Kev. Mr. Richardson, the pastor, remonstrated with them and called two of them out by name. Deacon Pearsall jumped up and protested against such outrageous proceedings, and Brother Joseph G. Conklin asked that their names be taken, which was done. The trustees of the church met last alight to consuit on a course of action, and today rotained counsel to have them all arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Lively times are anticipated, as warrants for theiry-two young men and women have been THE LOUISIANA INQUIRY.

Laving Bare a Sickening Mass of Fraud an

New ORLEANS, Jan. 3.-The principal roceedings before Mr. Morrison's Committee to-day were in the examination of ex-Judge Davis, chief clerk of the Returning Board, and one McCormick, aid to Kellogg and clerk of the same board. Davis gave a resumé of yesterday's testimony, and in reply to questions by Mr. Jenks acknowledged that he was Deputy Internal Revenue Collector when Parish Judge, which he denied yesterday, stating that he was only a clerk. He denied that he was living in open concubinage with Mrs. Stevens, colored. He had not heard that an affidavit had been paid the attorney to procure a divorce from her case and granted the divorce to Mrs. Stevens. He added: "I don't know that my wife tried to commit suicide with morphine on account of my intimacy with Mrs. Stevens. I don't recollect that the physician who treated her made affidavits to that effect. She did take an overdose of morphine about that time. I am not separa'ed from her, but she has been living in

by Companies D. E. G. and H of the First Regi-ment of New Jersey National Guards, from New-Ohio since that time."

Dr. J. W. Dupre testified that he was Chairman of the committee who waited on Judge Davis and requested him to resign. The reasons for this request as stated in the mass meeting of Democrats and Republicans were his ignor-ance of law, non-punishment of criminals and immoral characters. Politics had nothing to do with it. He informed Davis that nobody objected to his remaining and acting as revenue official, but requested him to cease performing the functions of Judge until his successor could be appointed. Two other parish officials were requested to resign. They did so and have re mained there unmolested ever since, as Davis would have been had he resigned. The mass

mained there unmolested ever since, as Davis would have been had he resigned. The mass meeting took this course because the tax collector was a defaulter and Davis was known to be incompetent, inefficient and accused of living openly with two colored femiales.

This man Davis came to New Orleans after he was notified to resign, and had ten of the leading citizens of Baton Rouge arrested by the United States Court for interfering with him as a Federal officer, notwithstanding he was informed by the mass meeting that they had nothing to do with him personally or as a Federal officer. The citizens were tried, and at once discharged. Davis remained here, and such a character was seized upon as being eminently fit to manage the ciercal business of the Returning Board.

Donald McMickie testified that he was United States Deputy Marshai, and was placed on the post roil of the Custom House, at a salary of \$33 a month, to watch the supervisors and see that they issued false registration pipers. They issued several hundred. He worked in the last election in Plaquemines parish in Warmoth's interest.

McCormick, Returning Board clerk, and aid to Kellogg, said he thought the State went Republican because it ought to be Republican, as it has gone so in previous elections. He didn't know any reson for a change. He didn't know any reson for a change. He didn't know any reson for a change. He didn't know her son aliate election. He didn't know that Pennsylvania changed nearly 100,009 votes in a late election. He didn't know the returns showed the election of the Thiden electors, He didn't know personally of any Republicans being murdered since 1866. He had command of the main door to the State House last Mondother parties specified. He exclude all not bearing the necessary papers, except Federal officers and other parties specified. He exclude a been accessory to the deeds of this board so far brought to notice, from eminent counsellors to expert clerks, will stand forever disgraced as their records are exposed. A few clerks re

examined who may be innocent of fraud, and whose labors were purely clerical. This will be settled to-morrow.

Mr. Blackburn's committee examined Kinchea, Supervisor of Livingston parish, who swore that he made no protest against the vote of his parish, and that the election was perfectly fair and paaceable. The Returning Board forged a protest, and on this threw out ninetenths of the vote of the parish, which was largely Democratic. Daily the mass of fraud and corruption becomes more stekening.

Kellogg will issue a iroclamation to morrow commanding the legally elected Legislature to disperse. It is thought here that the Republican State officials are advised from Washington to do their utmost to stir up a riot. The Returning Board Legislature to day passed an actapprogram, \$40,000 to immediately arm the militia, and abolished three of the chief courts, to which Democratic Judges were elected last November, by majorities too large for the Returning Board to overcome. Kellogg purposely withheld the certificates from these Judges until he could get his fraudulent Legislature together and destroy the courts. The Republicans seem bent on opening and foreing a colition. If they start it, the Lord only knows

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Turkey's therimacy Dispetling the Hopes of Peace-How War May be Avoided.

London, Jan. 3.—The Pall Mall Gozette this atternoon to a leading article says: "We have good reason to believe that the outlook eastward is at least as dark as the telegrams make it appear. We were not prepared for the thoroughgoing obstinacy of the Turkish attitude. Even if the Turks desired a rupture with Russia, it was unnecessary for them to almost court general denunciation by reflecting everything. They might simply have presented counter proposals which Gen. Ignatief could not accept. On the other hand, it may be that, having determined to fight rather than submit to more onerous demands, the Ministers think it will serve them beat with their own people to reject all manner of interference in one word. And then we hear that Gen. Ignatief is instructed to listen to no counter proposals at al. If so the next season of the few own people to reject all manner of interference in one word. And then we hear that Gen. Ignatief is instructed to listen to no counter proposals at al. If so the next season of the few own people to reject all manner of interference in one word. And then we hear that Gen. Ignatief is instructed to listen to no counter proposals at al. If so the next season of the Gen. Mendat. Pasia, the Grand Vizier, threatens to result, and there is a possibility of a Sinsterial criss.—

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county Antrim. Ireland. Thomas, a retired school teacher, now a man of over seventy five years, swears that his mother, Jane Begley ave years, swears that his mother, Jane Begley, was a sister of Alexander Stewart, A. T. Stewart stended her funeral and paid the bills. He has seven children living. Mary, now over 70, swears that she is the daughter of John Stewart, Alexander's brother, and therefore, like Thomas, a full coosin of the late A. T. Stewart. The silicity corroborate each other at all points. With Thomas's come letters from persons of respectability in Ireland testifying to his excellent character, and in some c see to persons of respectability in Ireland testifying to his excellent character, and in some c set to the notoriety of the relationship, the papers have not as yet been filed.

Judye Hilton smiled yesterday when asked about the new cammants in Ireland. He gave no weight to the matter. "The same stories," said he, "have simply been re-written. They are a few of the large number of letters received and claims set forth "which have already been published."

"I used to love to dance," said the Widow Van Cott in the West Thirtieth street Methodist meet-ing house last evening, "but when I got religion there was such a joyous dance in my soul that it took all the dance out of my feet." The Widow told her hearers that some people had said that she was dramate, and was an actress. She said, "I wish I had the power to act the drama of Christianity so that all the world would believe in the goodness of God."

Commodore Abram Simonson, an old and re spected inhabitant of Richmond county, died at his home in Van Drzer street. Stapleton, on Monday evening, in the 78th year of his age. The Commodore had ben for nearly staty years engaged in the Staten Island had be been and was the head of the well known firm of Silhognop de General Staten Island

PRINCETON'S GREAT DAY A SHAM BATTLE IN IMITATION OF AN OLD-TIME REAL ONE

Revolutionary Contest that Contributed to

the Success of American Independence The Good Time bad over it Yesterday. The one hundredth anniversary of the battle of Princeton was celebrated by a sham battle at Princeton yesterday. Though the numbers engaged in the battle itself were small, the victory gained at Princeton by the Conti-nental troops was most important in contributing to the success of American independence. Washington's troops had become thoroughly disheartened, the number of descritons was daily increasing, and cold, hunger, and a lack of clothing were gradually but surely demoralizing camp at Trenton his entire command did not exceed five thousand men. Cornwallis was gathering an overwhelming force around bim, and a conflict seemed hopeless.

The British forces vesterday were represented

ment of New Jersey National Guards, from Newark, commanded respectively by Capts. Alfred Williams, Samuel Klotz, W. W. Huifish, and Thomas Fairservice, and Companies B and G of the Seventh Regiment New Jersey National Guards, from Frenton, commanded by Capts. Peter Wilkes and Samuel M. Yeomans.

The Continental forces were represented by Company C. Phil. Kearney Guards, from Elizabeth, commanded by Capt. William H. De Hart; Company B. First Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry, from Philaielephia, commanded by Capt. T. J. Dunn, and three companies of Continentals from Princeton commanded respectively by Capts. A. L. Green, John H. Margerum, and James Leggett. Capt. Green's company were their every-day working attire, just as though they had been called from the field or the workshop, presenting perhaps an o'er true picture of many of the soldlers of the Revolutionary War. Col. Mawnood, who commanded the British in the real battle of Princeton, was vesterialy represented in the sham battle by Col. William Allen, of the First Regiment of New Jersey National Guards of Newark. He had for his adjutant Matthew Dunlay. The Newark battlion was commanded by Lieut-Col. Edward A. Campbell. Col. William C. Vandewater represented the galiant Gen. Mercer of the Continental forces, while the entire Continents army had for its Commander-in-Chief, in place of Washington,Gen. J. Madisson Drake of Elizabeth. The Polladeiphia company arrived at 9 P. M. on Tuesday. They were met at the depot by Capt. A. L. Green's company, and escorted to Cook's Hall, where they were quartered for the night. This companies from Newark and Elizabeth did not arrive until haif past 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The Elizabeth company, which is known as the Phil kearney Guards, is regarded as the best drilled in the State. Besides its handsome company flay ticarried the battle flag of the lamented General in whose bonor it is named. In the centre of the flag is a red Greek cross. Gen. Kearney Ead It with him in the battle of Chantilly, in which he vielded up ark, commanded respectively by Capts, Aifred Williams, Samuel Klotz, W. W. Hulifish, and

Just then the flanking party of Philadelphians came up in the rear of the British and oriented fire. This portion of the battle was admirably executed. The roar of musketry was continuous, and the relative bosh one presented much the inpearance of a real battle. A charge was ordered by Gen. Drake, and the British were captured. Col. Ailen surrendered his sword to Col. Hagemin of Gen. Drake's staff.

After the battle was over the troops were sented at a sumbtuous dinner, prepared under

The Death of Eph Horn.

Evan A. Horn, better known as "Eph Horn' the negro minstrel, died of pneumonta in St. Vincen Hospital yesterday. The disease was brought on by exposure on Christians evening in Trenton, where the company he was with had been abandoned by the man company he was with had been abandoned by the manager. He recovered from an attack of delirium yesterday attermion, and recognized his friends. In reply to
a remark by Tony Pastor wishing him a speedy recovery, he said, "Ohl i guess Fil to e all right. I always
was a good man at the end." These were file! I st words,
for he tarned toward the wall, and was found deal
shortly afterward. He leaves a wife, two daughters,
and a son in Philadelphia. He was file; six years of
age. He had been on the stoge since 1849. Previous to
that time he was a backman.

An Astor House Guest Missing.

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Superintendent Wailing was notified yester-day that John Hunter, a young Southerner, who had rooms at the Astor House, had mysteriously disap-peared on Saturday. He was known to have worn a costly gold watch, and to have had a large waitet filled with money. He registered in the hotel on the 15th of December as J. Hunter.

Senator Ferry Renominated. lative caucus to-night nominated Vice President Ferry THE ASHTABULA DISASTER

Another of the Dend Identified-Two Rondout ASHTABULA, Jan. 8 .- Mrs. Frame of Rochester died yesterday. The remains of B. L. Russell of Auburn have been identified. As the wreck is being removed the ice that was forced to the bottom of the river by the cars rises to the surface, on which are found in places the fragments of a pocketknife, suspender buckles, the steels and clasps of a cor-set, the frame of a satchel, or something to in-dicate that the owner was entirely consumed. A small piece of a green slik dress was taken out, also the bottom of a skirt of a black and white dress that was flounced, a gentleman's cuff marked B. B. L., a piece of a plum colored dress, the top of a skirt with narrow tucks (taken from sleeping car), a gold and a silver watch with the cases melted but the works in good order, and the hand of a lady that appeared to

with the cases melted but the works in good order, and the hand of a lady that appeared to have been cut off as if by a collision. A shawl strap and two shirts bearing the name of Geo. F. Hubbard were also found. He was formerly of New Hampsigs, but for several years post has been a practising physician at Polk City, Iowa. He was on his return home from Boston. To-day at the scene of the accident gangs of workmen are engaged in removing the wreck and putting up a new bridge, while a special corps of men are raking among the cakes of ice and debris for the remains of victims of relics. Occasionally some charred bones or a few rags are brought up, but in such small pieces as to defy identity.

The sick are doing very well this morning, except perhaps Mr. E. W. 'lewitt of Bridgenort, Conn., and Mr. F. Osbor of Tecumseh, Mich., both of whom are in a cr. ical condition.

KONDOUT, Jan. 3.—It is now ascertained beyond a doubt that two young ladies of this piace, elsters, named Charlotte and Martha Smith, who left here on Thursday of last week intending to visit their uncle at Bloomington, Ill. were among the victums of the Ashtabula Railroad disaster. They have been traced to the palace car, from which but one person is known to have escaned. They were the daughters of a widow recently reduced from affluence to poverty, and the blow falls upon her with crushing weight.

WORCESTER, Jan. 3.—It has just been ascertained that George H. Spooner of Millbury, Mass., perished in the car City of Ruffalo in the Ashtabula disaster, He was on his way to California.

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By the finding of papers and scraps of clothing among the debris to-day the following named revisions are known to have been on the train: Misses Charlotte N. and Martha Ann Smith of Rondout, N. Y., and J. W. Smith of Toronto, Ont. Among the bodies at the freight house that of Mrs. Elizabeth Kopper of Chippewa, Ont., was identified to-day. The only relics found to-day besides those mentioned were some pocket knives.

It is probable that the work of clearing away the wreck and the search for the missing will be fluished to-morrow.

The list now stands as follows:

Number of passengers on the train...... Number of employees on the train...... Total number of persons..... Total rescued.
Number of persons lost.
Unaccounted for.

Of the rescued, three passengers and one em-Of the resched, three passeners and one em-ployee have died slace the disaster. Wm. H. Kinkeid of Bate, Reid and Cooley, 451 Broadway, New York, has been published as one of the lost by the Ashtabula disaster. He got off the train at Eric, and is safe.

THE INTER-COLLEGIATE CONTEST. Hamilton Again Taking the First Prize for

The Academy of Music was well filled last evening with the friends of the contestents in the third annual inter-collegiate oratorial contest. The orators were Frank Foster Laird of Hamilton, Samuel Dodge of Williams, Frank Scott of Northwestern University, G. W. Terbush of Lafayette, Wilson M. Durae of the University of the City of New York, George W. Colligan of St. John's, William Stim-mons of Princeton, Z. R. Vandenburgh of Rutgers. and D. M. Hunter of the College of the City

gers, and D. M. Hunter of the College of the City of New York. The addresses showed earnest study and careful thought; but most of the young orators were sadly deficient in grace of gesture.

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The exercises were concluded by the annual content of the awards of the committees upon written contests which took place Dec. 6

made to remove it, but, with the exception of beating it down somewhat in the middle of the street, without success.

The morning broke clear and cold. By 9 o'clock the sidewalk of the main street was crowded with the good people of Jersey from far and near. Most of the houses on Nassau street were handsomely decorated with bunding, while from every flagstaff floated the national colors. Miss Julia Smith, an old resident of Princeton, and one who takes an interest in all things pertaining to revolutionary affairs, had in front of her house a handsome flag, while over the door was an old Continental musket and sword.

At 12 o'clock the troops of both armies were formed on Nassau street, and at half past 12 o'clock the Americans took up their line of march for the old barrack on Edgehiil. Shortly after they were followed by the British. Notwithstanding the deep show, the marching of the troops on both sides was excellent. Of course the raw uniformed Continentals were the subject of man good natured criticism. But many, regarding them as the true type of the forefathers who had battled for freedom in garbs not less varied and far less comportable.

As the British troops marched up the hill. Capts. Green's and Leggett's componies, commanded by Col. Vandewater, who were the identical sword worn by Gen. Mercer on the 3d capts. The andreas and believe the buildings and the subject of the professional colors and the subject of the contest were Bayard Taylor, Tender of the contest were Bayard Taylor, Gen. J. R. Hawley, and Dr. Chapin. Intervals Sudy and Careful thought; but most of the young orators were sadly deficient in grace of Sesture.

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COPPINGER'S EXTREMITY. What Followed an Elepement, and Indulgence in Drink.

Louise Barger, a comely girl, seventeen years of age, who lived with her parents at phen Coppinger, of 37 Eldridge street, about two nonths ago and was married. The young couple were forbidden to enter their parents' home, and they then went to live in Brooklyn. Coppinger found work as a day laborer, but was no steady in his habits, and instead of taking his small earnings home to his young wife he usually spent it in lager beer saloons. He lost his

On Tuesday evening last as Mr. Albert Cappelle went from his confectionery at 97 Division street to his bedroom he was confronted by a man with whom he at once grappied. Mr. Cappelle, being the strongest, heid the man until Officer Broderick took him. Ine ourglar had entered the bedroom by forcing open the door. Nothing was stoice.

In the Eddridge street police station the prisoner described himself as Stephen Couplinger of 37 Eldridge street. He was committed by Justice Wandell. His young wife is still forbidden to enter her parents' home.

THE WRECK OF THE EMILIE.

The Resence of Three Persons who were Swept Away with the Hurricane Deck.

KEY WEST, Jan. 3 .- A boat has just reurned from the search for the missing passengers of the steamer Emilie, which sank on Monwere found wading in the water near Harbo Key, one having become thoroughly insane from Key, one having become thoroughly hisane from his sufferings. Search was resumed for two more, who are known to have been on the hurricane deck which floated away from the hull. One of them, Dr. Hernenezido Rodriguez de Alvarenz, lirazilian Commissioner to the late Centennial Examption, was found this morning. He was taken from a saylight on which he had drifted since the Emilie went down, in an exhausted condition. He is now recovering.

Curling at Central Park.

The annual match between the north and south sections of the Grand National Curing Cinb of America for the Dairymple medal took place yesterday on the curing pond at Central Pars and seventy-third street. The ice was not in first-class condition. The different teams congressived around the cleven rinks, and commenced the sport with much visor. The Dairymple medal is held by the winning side for one year. The match was a very close and exciting one, and after four fours playing resulted in the victory of the north by a score of 238 to 201.

Auxious to Seil Tickets. On Friday evening the attaches of Booth's Theatre benefit by a performance of "Dan" Druce." Every year an occasion of this character occurs at our leading theatres, when tickets are given to the ushers, door keepers and other subordinates in the front of the house, with permission to dispose of them to their profit. The rivalry between them sometimes results in great sales. Friends of the parties help in the struggle, and even help and sa have been known to take a great interest in the affair.

Weehnwken's Would-be Murderers. cused of stabbing Otto Kaufman, Peter Hatheson, and MAIL THIEVES CAPTURED.

SHARP DETECTIVES STUMBLE ON A SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY.

the Way to the Post Office by an Organized Band of Robbers-Five Persons Arrested. Postmaster James, Special Officers Parker and Sharratt, Robert Pinkerton, the detective. Dodd, the proprietor of Dodd's Express, have spent a busy week in planning the capture of as many as they could of the members of a well-organized gang that has robbed the mails and the express company for months past. Toward the close of the International Exhibition, when the business done by the railroad and ex-Philadelphia was more enormous than had ever been transacted, there were baggage. A commercial traveller's trunk, containing samples of cutlery valued at \$1,000, and two other trunks containing clothing had been stolen. The trunks containing the clothing person named John Kelly, who, less than three years ago, served a term in prison for securing baggage from Dodd's Express by forged express checks, was frequently seen in the neighbornood of the Desbrosses street depot, and was believed to be one of the principals engaged in

the robberies.
Shortly after these pieces were lost three men ttempted, by means of a forged check, to obtain a piece of baggage which had been delivered to the Hudson River Rulroad Company by Dodd's Express. The description of the false claimants, as given by the baggage men at the Hudson River Depot, confirmed Mr. Dodd in the belief that Kelly was concerned in the robberthe express company was coo, erating with the

les. It was also evident that an employee of the express company was coolerating with the thieves. A strictwatch was kept on the employees and on Kelly and his confederates. The assistance of detectives was then obtained, and during November and December the men were closely snadowed day and night.

On Friday last two of these men with packages were seen entering the office of the American Express Company at Fourth street. One of the parcels contained a mail bag. Mr. Bangs, Superintendent of Pinkerton's Agency, notified Special Officer Sharratt, who took an expert with him, and opened the parcels. The mail bag was found to have been sent from York, Pa., to New York on December 15. It had been cut open, and contained many mutilated letters from York and adjacent villages. The other package contained a satchel belonging to Rout Agent Stevenson. It contained all the paraphernalia for marking and rating letters. These two backages were wrapped up carefully, the mail bag being addressed to George Pinholeton, Oswego, N. Y., and the satchel to Wm. P. Havens, Oswego. Both are fatitious names.

Fortified with this information, detective officers assisted by Police Officer Blackwood, detailed at the Post Office building, made the arrest of James Crawford, who was formerly an employee of Dodd's Express Company, and brought him to the special agent's office. Then they arrested John Keily, Mar Jane Collins, and Cilinton Eddy, who is the son of the late Edward Eddy the actor. Keily, Eddy, and an actor named John Quinn, who ran away when the arrest was made, were arrested in Clinton place. Miss Collins was arrested in Clinton place. Miss Collins was arrested in Clinton place. Miss Collins was arrested in Clinton place. Miss Collins, who ran away when the arrest was made, were arrested in Clinton place, Miss Collins, and Clinton Eddy, who is the son of the late Edward Eddy the actor. Keily, Eddy, and a actor named John Quinn, who ran away when the arrest was made, were arrested in Clinton place, Miss Collins was arrosted in Cl

streets from the Jersey City ferry to the New York Post Office. These men by his connivance took the mail bags from the wagon. On three different occasions they took two through pouches from Philadelphia to Boston, and one from York, Pa., to New York, the latter being the bag found at the express office. The other bags have not been found, but it has since been discovered that one has been sent to Toronto and the other to Quebec, Canada.

De Freest has been in the employ of the express company for ten years, and fifteen months ago when the drivers were watched and six were arrested by the Post Office Department, no suspicion attached to him. He was arrested yesterday when he came to the Post Office in his wagon.

For months past the business people of Philadelphia had been complaining of their losses through the mails, and there was such excitement that several special agents were detailed to that city to make a thorough investigation. They watched the progress of the mails in Finiadelphia, and even along the railroads leading from thire, aithough they believed the robberies were being committed in the city. In the mean time, a great number of checks that had been mailed to Boston were presented at the Philadelphia banks, and paid on forged indorsements. The payments are known to have amounted to at least \$5,000.

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The prisoners, Crawford, Miss Collins, Kelly, Eddy, and De Freest, were taken to Ludlow Street Jul last evening. The officers searched the premises at 165 Greene street, which Crawford frequented, but nothing was found there. Yet more important developments are anticipated by the officers.

AN ACTRESS IN DANGER. A Dress Catching Fire and a Run for Life-

While standing near the stove in the dressing room of Ward's Opera House, in Newark, list evening, Miss Lonsdale, a pretty soubrette, who was dressed in a suit of orange colored silk of the kind known as "Florentine," a light, flimsy, and glittering fabric, in which she was to appear as Miss Cody in the pantomime of "The Sculptor's Stratagem," rustled her dress against the stove, and in another moment her skirts were in a bize. She ran to the stare door, and into the alley leading to Market street. Fiving down the tiley a mass of flames, she attracted the attention of Special Officer Swann. He drew off his overcoat and wrapped it around her, and then threw her into a snow bank and rolled her at out. A number of men hurried to the scene, and the ziri was in another moment smothered by overcoats, rolled almost to a jeliey, and nearly pulled to pieces, Half an hour later she was at her residence, 13 Ward street, severely burned upon the breast and limbs.

Changes at the Hippodrome The first evening of the new management at the Hippodrome, Dan Mace and F. D. Waiton, passed off mely—The track has been astered and lengthened for

John P. Benjemin and J. H. Steinberg, of 52 Warren street, found two burglars at work in E. Grif-fin's store in the second story. They seized the men,

Turnstiles Declared a Nuisance The Grand Jury of the Hudson County Court of Oyer and Terminer has presented the Hoboken fe;ry turnstiles as a nusance, declaring that they "work great inconvenience and injury to the re idents of the county compelled to pass over the ferry." The jury ask that the nuisance be abated at once.

Murdered by his Wife. Cincinnati, Jan. 3.—A special to the Gazette says licary Creighton, a resident of Bloom township, Fairfield county, was murdered by his crazy wife yesterday afternoon. She shot him twice and then cut his head off with an axe. The parties had been married further than the same of the country of of the country

Pigeon Shoot on Lond Island.

GOV. GROVER IN WASHINGTON.

Prepared to Uphold his Action in the Oregon Case by Law and Precedent. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 .- Gov. Grover of Oregon reached Washington late this evening in answer to a summons of the Senate Com-mittee, before whom he expects to appear on Friday. He was asked whether any new developments had been made in regard to the Oregon case, and said the situation remained the same as before so far as he and his decision were concerned. He has prepared an elaborate review of the case, citing precedents for his ac-tion, and is prepared to undergo any examination at the hands of the Senate Committee. It seems to wound him that Senators Morton and Mitchell had spoken of bim in insulting language before giving him a hearing, and he remarked that they might discover some grounds

guage before giving him a hearing, and he remarked that they might discover some grounds for his conduct when they knew more of Oregon law. He scorned the word defence which has been applied to his written decision.

In regard to Cronin's statement to-day that he had received \$3.000 from the Democratic Committee to defray his expenses, Gov. Grover said that it was news to him. Cronin had insisted on somebody else acting as messenger, as he could not go without great sacrifice to his private business, and the above amount was only a fair compensation.

The Governor was asked whether Morton's Committee had any reason for alleging that money had been sent from New York through the banking house of Titon & Co., for political use in Oregon, as some such intimation was plainly indicated in to-day's session, he replied that the Tiltons of New York were interested in two large banking concerns in Oregon, and money was constantly passing between the two points and the East, but he could state positively that any attempt to place political significance on the dealings of these bankers would fall flat.

With regard to conflicting testimony from Odell, Cartwright, and Cronin in reference to forming the Electoral College, Gov. Grover simply said that Cronin would gladly have cooperated with the two Republicans if they had allowed him to, as this would have been the easiest way out of all misunderstandings, and they are now claiming that he refused to act with them in order to create a feeling against him.

The committee will find the Governor ready for examination.

Manager this morning intimating that the en-gineers would have a settlement on their terms, with only slight differences. The particulars of the compromise are not made known, but that and will receive back the strikers, including those discharged, is looked upon as capitulation by the comp any. At Believille, early this morning, the military and the strikers came in contact several times. James McLaughlan received a bayonet wound in the side, and another man a slight flesh wound. Some of the military, after mildnight, accompanied the train from Believille to Napanae, the soluters were execrated loudly, the car windows were broken with somes, and several shots were fired. The strikers tried to disconnect the cars and size the brakes. Before the trains had gone far the engine ran off the track. The reason is unexplained. The military formed a guerd around while the mishap was remedied. The public generally is well pleased with the manner that Duffin, the spokesman of the engineers, laid their cases before the City Council last night. The chief condemnation of the company is in giving the percentage of the savings effected to the District Superhendent. As usual, corruption in the governing boy left of selections of the convening boy left to rebelling. endent. As usual, corruption in the governing

SOME WASHINGTON TOPICS. The House Committee on the Electoral

Washington, Jan. 3.—The House Committee on the Electoral Count held two meetings to-day, one of fore and one after the session of the House of Representatives. The time of the committee was chiefly taken up in discussing precedents, and there was builtitle if any intercharge of views. It was determined not to meet the Senare Committee until several meetings of the House Committee have been held, to more thoroughly consider the precedents and come to some sort of agreement among themselves. The committee will ask that foo copies of the compilation of proceedings and decares of Congr. so on the subject, preocred by Meest's Springer and Willard of the committee, be printed for the use of the two committees.

Reducing the West Point Appropriations. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-The House Committee WASHINGTON, Jan. 3,—the House Committee on Appropriations this afternoon completed the Military Academy Appropriation bill, and will report it to morrow. Its total is reduced about \$2,000 below the amount appropriated for the Academy at the list season, the reduction being effected by cutting off the usual provision for professors "long-vity allow ances total provision for professors" long-vity allow ances trains), and oy providing that the oand shall hereafter consist of twenty-cight musicians, exclusive of the leader, this being its number as originally constituted.

The New York Merchants' Memorial. The New York Merchants' Menorial. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Congressman Willis will to-morrow present to the House of Representatives the original memorial bearing the autograph signatures of bangers and merchanis of New York praving for a peaceful settlement of electoral questions, &c. He has received a letter written by E. S. Jaffray, the custodian of the memorial stating that "the meeting which original ed it has unanimously selected Senator Conk ingland Mr. Willis as the most suitable representatives of the State and city of New York to present the same to Congress."

Eleven Months at Hard Labor. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Ex-Assistant District Attoracy Charles G. Fisher, recently convicted of ab-stracting court papers from the office of the clerk of the court, was to-bay syndromed to eleven months' im-prisonment at hard labor in the common Jin.

The Steamer Newport Ashore. New Haven, Jan. 3.—The steamer Newport, f the Fall river line, came into this harbor on Tuesday o effect repairs to some of her machinery which had to enect repairs to some of her mannary which has broken. She ran on the beaten and stuck fast. Those of the passengers who were for Boston were tagen of and forwarded by rat, and those for Newportremain on boare, supplies saving been provided them. The steamer is not damaged as yet, and will probably get od all right soon.

How the Theatre Might Have Been Saved. In the Coroner's inquest into the cause of the death of the two hundred and eighty-five victims of the Brooklyn Theatre fire, James McCurdy, the scene shifter testilled: "If the water arrangements had been complete I think I could have put out the fire at the time the theatre burned."

Thomas Driscoll, aged 47, of 40 Railroad avenue, Jersey City, while removing the snow from the tracks of the Fennsy vania Railroad at the washington street crossing yesterday, was struck by a locomotive and beheaded. A Church Burned.

HARTFORD, Jan. 3.—The Congregational Courch at Windsor Locks, Conn., was burned this morning. Lock, School in the Arma, \$12,000, \$1,000 in the Hartford and \$0,000 in the Arma,

PRICE TWO CENTS.

BLOCKED BY ICE AND SNOW, FERRY AND RAILWAY TRAVEL VERS BERIOUSLY IMPEDED.

Ten East River Boats at the Mercy of an Ice Floe-Traffe Suspended for More than Twe Hours-Railway Trains Snowed In.

Residents of Brooklyn, who have busi-

ness in New York, were annoyed yesterday morning, on arriving at the ferries, at finding ice in the river that detained the passage of ferry boats. The blockade was unexpected, even to the ferry men; but so massed was the loc that, even though the annovance had been foreseen. nothing but an ironciad ram could have cleared a passage for the boats. Although the tide turned marked that they might discover some strong of the conditions of the sonduct when they knew more of Oregon been the spring the word defence which are the conditions of the sonduct when they knew more of Oregon been the spring the word defence which are the conditions of the condition of the conditions of the conditio to flood at six o'clock, the ice masses in the bay did not receive motion till an hour afterward. The most annoying enemy to navigation during the day was a broad cake of ice stretching from

THE JAPANESE INDEMNITY.

Washington, Jan. 3 .- The subject of the Japanese indemnity fund will come up before final action. The proposition directing the President to refund to the Government of Japan the entire amount now in the custody of the Secretary of State, including interest and accumulations thereof, and reserving the sum of \$125,000 to satisfy certain claimants, will be favorably considered. The claimants are chiefly officers and others of the United States Navy. This \$125,000, by the conditions of the pending bill, which originated in the Senate last session, would remain in the custody of the Secretary of State until Congress should otherwise direct. After the satisfaction of the existing claims, should any of this amount remain unused, the should any of this amount remain unused, the President is directed to at once pay it over to the Japanese Government. A section will be recommended as an amendment to the Senate bill referring these claims to a commission, or court of arbitrament, for adjudication.

The Probable Solution of a Mysicry.

The Brooklyn police, in investigating a mysterious robbery of the recidence of William S. Preston, at 588 Henry street, from which three gold watches, a bracelet, and other jewelry, worth in all \$350, was stolen on Wednesday of last week, ascertained that Frank Preston, a son, aged 20 years, obspicared at the same time. The de centure, who could not reason out why an experienced burg ar should take good out of one of ascertain leave valuable diamonds in the next, told the family of their perplexity. The son is said to be in Montreel. He was a member of a South Brooklyn literary society, and was well favored in society.

Making a Foot Bridge to the Air. The first sections of the foot-bridge cable were yesterday atternoon laid from the Brooklyn anchorage

The Texas-Pacific Job in Committee. WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The sub-committee of ve-Messrs. Lamar, Atkins. Garfield. Luttrell, and Neill-from the Pacific Railroad Committee of the Owner of the louise has unanimously spreed upon a report in favor of the lexis-lacific Emirond J.o. The sub-committee will report to the fail committee to-morrow and the frems of lexis-lacific are confident that there will be a unsnimous report made to the flouse. The fail agreed upon is the same as that of last winter, ave wherein a slows the Central Parific of Culfornia to build 750 miles of the western end of the road.

The First Loss of Life by Rail in Denmark. COPENHAGEN, Jan. 3 -The first railway acci-

Weicher Office Prediction. Rising barometer, northwest to southwest

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Peter Dwyer's new place of worship at 100 Beeger street will be opened this evening.

James McAuliff, aged 55, without a home, was ound with a scalp wound at 9 spring street yesterday.

James McCanley, of 9 Spring street, fell in a fit last evening and had his skull fractured. His is juries may be fatal. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Marmonides Library Association with be celebrated in Teutoma Assembly Rooms this evening.

Maurice Barrymore and Miss Georgie Drew, members of the latth Avenue Theatre company, were married in Puliadelphia on Suntay.

Mr. V. Garcia is confined in Ludlow street jail not as a counterfetter but as a withous for the Government in a crooked whickey case.

The will of Col. Washington R. Vermilve, which has been admitted to probate, contains everal bequests to mission and religious as filters.

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